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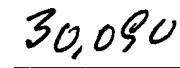
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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2004 (Paper Number 20040805) which imposed a restriction requirement in the above-captioned patent application, the applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-13, without traverse; and now cancels claims 14-21.

A listing of the claims begins on page 2.

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